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## Mapping an Empire

### Topographical Surveys, 1913.

About sixty-five surveyors will be engaged this season on the survey of Dominion lands under instructions of the Surveyor-General. The surveys on which they will be employed may be classed under the following heads:

1. Survey of base lines and initial meridians.
2. Township subdivision, retracements and resurveys.
3. Stadia surveys.
4. Levelling.
5. Interprovincial boundary surveys.
6. Inspection surveys.

The lists accompanying this statement give the names of the surveyors, the nature of the survey on which they are engaged and the location of their work.

1. *Meridians and base lines*: Six surveyors will be engaged on the survey of base lines and initial meridians. As all subsequent surveys are based on the proper location of these lines, these surveys form a very important section of the work under the direction of this branch. In addition to the accuracy required, difficulties are added to the prosecution of these surveys by the fact that they are, as a rule, located in districts at a considerable distance from any settlement.

2. *Township subdivision and retracements*: About thirty-one surveyors will be employed in subdividing townships and about seven in retracements and resurveys. These retracements or resurveys are rendered necessary owing either to errors in the original survey or to the fact that in some cases the monuments marking the older surveys have disappeared or have become obliterated.

3. *Stadia surveys*: The twelve surveyors in the accompanying list will be employed in the prairie regions on the stadia survey of lakes and ponds that have gradually been drying up, and of rivers that have changed their courses. These surveys are undertaken for the purpose of amending the official plans of the townships so that they may represent all lakes, ponds and rivers as they are at the present date, and give the correct area of land available.

4. *Levellings*: Levelling operations will be under the direction of Mr. J. N. Wallace, whose office is in Calgary. He will be assisted by Messrs. E. W. Berry, L. O. R. Dozois and L. E. S. Bolton.

5. *Interprovincial boundary surveys*: The survey of the boundary between British Columbia and Alberta will be continued this season. This survey was begun at the request of the Province of British Columbia and



arrangements were made for a joint survey under A. O. Wheeler, B.C.L.S., R. W. Cantley, A.L.S., and J. N. Wallace, D.L.S., representing the Provinces of British Columbia and Alberta and the Dominion respectively. The boundary between the provinces follows the Rocky Mountains from the International boundary to the 120th meridian; thence it runs due north along this meridian to the 60th parallel of latitude. Work was started in 1913 in the vicinity of the main passes and during that season the line was established and marked across Kicking Horse Pass, Vermilion Pass, Simpson Pass and Crow's Nest Pass. Further progress was made last season in the southern passes of the Rocky Mountains; but as a great deal of work still remains to be done it will probably be some time before the completion of the survey of the boundary is effected.

6. *Inspection surveys:* Four surveyors, Messrs. G. J. Ferguson, L. E. Fontaine, W. J. Deans, and P. R. A. Belanger will be employed as inspectors. It is the duty of the inspectors to visit the various parties during the season and to report on the organization of each party, the work being done, and other points of interest to the service. In addition to their inspection work Mr. Deans and Mr. Belanger will also be employed for part of their time on retracement surveys.

Heretofore the time of the inspectors has largely been taken up with the inspection of contract surveys. A very important change has been made this year in that no surveys are to be let by contract. All the surveys of this season will be performed by surveyors working under daily pay.

In addition to the above mentioned surveys Mr. R. B. McKay will be employed on latitude determination at various points throughout the West. Mr. M. P. Bridgland will continue the topographical survey of the country in the vicinity of Jasper. This survey was commenced in 1913 with the object of obtaining information for the preparation of a suitable scheme for the development of Jasper Park. Three surveyors, Messrs. R. C. Purser, C. M. Walker and M. H. Baker are to be employed in charge of travelling parties to carry on miscellaneous small surveys, to investigate errors, the drying up of lakes, lost monuments, etc.

In the following list are given the names of the surveyors who will have charge of parties, with their places of residence, location of work for this season and place where parties will be organized. Those who will be employed on base lines and meridians are indicated by an (a), those to be engaged in retracements are marked (b) and those who will be on inspection surveys are marked (c). All those not so lettered will be engaged in township subdivision:

LIST OF STADIA SURVEYORS

| Surveyor            | Home Address            | Location of Survey        |
|---------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| E. P. BOWMAN.....   | West Montrose, Ont..... | Vicinity of Battleford    |
| W. J. BOULTON.....  | Wallaceburg, Ont.....   | Southeast of Calgary      |
| G. C. COWPER.....   | Welland, Ont.....       | Vicinity of Swift Current |
| R. NEELANDS.....    | Hamiota, Man.....       | Vicinity of Prince Albert |
| C. RINIRET.....     | Montreal, Que.....      | Southeast of Regina       |
| O. B. ROBERTS.....  | Kingston, Ont.....      | East of Red Deer          |
| H. M. R. SOARS..... | Edmonton, Alta.....     | Vicinity of Edmonton      |
| J. H. MCKNIGHT..... | Simcoe, Ont.....        | East of Prince Albert     |
| G. W. COLTHAM.....  | Aurora, Ont.....        | East of Edmonton          |
| P. E. PALMER.....   | Dorchester, N.B.....    | North of Moosejaw         |
| W. A. FLETCHER..... | Thornton, Ont.....      | Vicinity of Yorkton       |
| G. A. BENNETT.....  | Ottawa, Ont.....        | Southwest of Saskatoon    |



## LIST OF SURVEYORS IN CHARGE OF PARTIES.

| SURVEYOR                                    | Address                            | Location of Survey  | Party organize at    |
|---|------------------------------------|---|----------------------|
| (2) J. R. AKINS.....                        | Edmonton.....                      | Northwest of Peace River Crossing.....                          | Edmonton             |
| (b) C. F. AYLESWORTH.....                   | Madoc, Ont.....                    | Manitoba.....   | Winnipeg             |
| J. C. BAKER.....                            | Toronto.....                       | Lower Athabaska.....  | Edmonton             |
| (a) G. H. BLANCHET.....                     | Ottawa.....                        | East of Lake Winnipeg..   | Winnipeg             |
| (c) P. R. A. BELANGER.....                  | Ottawa.....                        | Lac La Biche.....   | Edmonton             |
| L. BRENOT.....                              | Ottawa.....                        | Upper Peace River.....  | Edmonton             |
| M. P. BRIDGLAND.....                        | Calgary.....                       | Jasper.....   | Edmonton             |
| J. A. BUCHANAN.....                         | Edmonton.....                      | North of Peace River Crossing.....                              | Edmonton             |
| J. A. CALDER.....                           | Ashcroft, B.C.....                 | Vicinity of Ashcroft.....                                       | Kamloops or Ashcroft |
| W. CHRISTIE.....                            | Prince Albert, Sask.....           | Northeast of Prince Albert                                      | Prince Albert        |
| (b) J. M. COTE.....                         | Ottawa.....                        | Central Saskatchewan...   | Battleford           |
| A. L. CUMMING.....                          | Edmonton.....                      | West of Rocky Mountain House.....                               | Edmonton             |
| T. A. DAVIES.....                           | Edmonton.....                      | West of Peace River Crossing.....                               | Edmonton             |
| H. S. DAY.....                              | Edmonton.....                      | West of Peace River Crossing.....                               | Edmonton             |
| (c) W. J. DEANS.....                        | Brandon, Man.....                  | Southern Manitoba.....  | Brandon              |
| A. DRISCOLL.....                            | Edmonton.....                      | Southeast of McMurray..   | Edmonton             |
| (b) S. L. EVANS.....                        | Calgary.....                       | Southern Saskatchewan..   | Regina or Moose Jaw  |
| S. D. FAWCETT.....                          | Ottawa.....                        | Between Lakes Winnipegosis and Winnipeg..                       | Winnipeg             |
| (a) J. A. FLETCHER.....                     | Edmonton.....                      | Northeast of Peace River Crossing.....                          | Edmonton             |
| (c) L. E. FONTAINE.....                     | Levis, Que.....                    | Northern Alberta.....   | Edmonton             |
| J. GIBBON.....                              | Vancouver.....                     | New Westminster District.....                                   | Vancouver            |
| A. E. GLOVER.....                           | Edmonton.....                      | Southwest of Lesser Slave Lake.....                             | Edmonton             |
| R. V. HEATHCOTT.....                        | Edmonton.....                      | West of Peace River Crossing.....                               | Edmonton             |
| J. H. JOHNSTON.....                         | Peace River Crossing, Alberta..... | East of Peace River Crossing.....                               | Edmonton             |
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| (c) G. J. LONERGAN.....                     | Buckingham, Que.....               | Peace River District.....                                       | Edmonton             |
| D. F. McEWEEN.....                          | Grouard, Alberta.....              | West of Lesser Slave Lake                                       | Edmonton             |
| P. J. McGARRY.....                          | Toronto.....                       | Hope District.....  | Hope                 |
| (b) W. A. A. McMASTER.....                  | Prince Albert, Sask.....           | Prince Albert.....  | Prince Albert        |
| (b) A. M. NARRAWAY.....                     | Ottawa.....                        | Medicine Hat District....                                       | Medicine Hat         |
| W. H. NORRISH.....                          | Ottawa.....                        | New Westminster.....  | Vancouver            |
| H. E. PEARSON.....                          | Edmonton.....                      | Northwest of Athabaska Landing.....                             | Edmonton             |
| J. W. PIERCE.....                           | Pembroke, Ont.....                 | Northwest of Athabaska Landing.....                             | Edmonton             |
| O. ROLFSON.....                             | Toronto.....                       | East of Lake Winnipegosis.....                                  | Winnipeg             |
| (a) F. V. SEIBERT.....                      | Edmonton.....                      | Lower Athabaska.....  | Edmonton             |
| W. A. SCOTT.....                            | Galt, Ont.....                     | Eastern Manitoba.....   | Winnipeg             |
| N. C. STEWART.....                          | Prince George, B.C.....            | Golden District.....  | Golden               |
| (b) A. G. STUART.....                       | Ottawa.....                        | Central Saskatchewan and Alberta.....                           | Lloydminster         |
| C. H. TAGGART.....                          | Kamloops, B.C.....                 | Kamloops District.....  | Kamloops             |
| G. A. TIPPER.....                           | Brantford, Ont.....                | Southwest of Peace River Crossing.....                          | Edmonton             |
| J. W. TYRELL.....                           | Hamilton, Ont.....                 | West of Lake Winnipeg..   | Winnipeg             |
| W. H. WADDELL.....                          | Edmonton.....                      | Northeast of Lac La Biche                                       | Edmonton             |
| (a) T. H. PLUNKETT.....                     | .....                              | Northern Manitoba west of Lake Winnipeg.....                    |                      |
| (a) B. W. WAUGH.....                        | .....                              | North of Lake Winnipeg..  |                      |
| P. M. H. LEBLANC.....                       | .....                              | Northern Alberta, in the vicinity of Fort Vermilion.....        |                      |
| J. S. GALLETTY.....                         | .....                              | Northern Manitoba, in the vicinity of Pas.....                  |                      |
| P. B. STREET.....                           | .....                              | Northern Manitoba, along the H.B.Ry., north of township 76..... |                      |
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## "AB."

Jus' twenty-five year ago tonight,—  
 How fas' ol' Time she's go!—  
 I 'ear you, Ab, w'en you firs' recite  
 Alonzo Wright Perreault.  
 On de Heas' Hen Met'odis' Church you spick;  
 For hencore she was Rosalie.  
 An' I laugh, ba gosh, till I mos' was sick,  
 W'en you roll your heye on me.

Den hafter dat time, for year an' year,  
 Mos' heveryone can tell  
 Jus' Habitaw piece we wan' to 'ear;  
 An', sapre, but you spick it well!  
 An' you look de part like you play it, too,  
 W'en you walk on de stage—Hooraw!  
 For Charlay Martin hees feex you true  
 For de real t'ing Habitaw.

You 'ave w'at you call hit—debonair?—  
 De hair of de grande seigneur;  
 De savoir vivre an' de savoir faire  
 Was halway your style for sure.  
 So I'm t'inkin' now of your gentle way,  
 An' de roll w'at you give your 'ead;  
 An' my heye a' my t'roat feel queer today  
 W'en I t'ink you are lyin' dead.

Oui! You res' at de hend of de long portage,  
 An' de pack it is lay aside;  
 An' you stan' on de shore of de soul's voyage  
 On de reever dat's dark an' wide.  
 But on breas' of ol' Lack St. Pierre is peace,  
 W'en de win' an' de storm is pas';  
 For de Grandpere w'at love you, leetle Bateese,  
 Is sleepin' himself at las'!

—Gordon Rogers.

## THERE IS A LAND.

(A Song.)

There is a land that we must love,  
 A north-land wide and fair,  
 A land of pine and maple trees  
 And beauty everywhere;  
 And there free hearts have found a home  
 And space to still be free,  
 Fronting the morrow confident  
 In her high destiny.

When the leaves are crimson,  
 When the fields are white,  
 When the woods are green in Spring  
 Or bathed in Summer light,  
 Be sure we love her dearly,  
 Her woods, her streams, her flowers,  
 This sunny pine and maple lan-,  
 This Canada of ours.

And, Oh, her skies are bright and blue,  
 Her waters bright and pure;  
 There's balm within her forest shades  
 All world-worn men to cure;  
 The wholesome sea is at her gates,  
 Her gates both East and West—  
 Then is it strange that we should love  
 This land, our land, the best?

When the hills stand dreaming,  
 When the Winter's here,  
 When the slumbering earth awakes,  
 Or the Summer crowns the year,  
 Be sure we love her dearly,  
 Her woods, her streams, her flowers,  
 This sunny pine and maple land,  
 This Canada of ours.

—Exchange.



## THE CROWING HEN.

The man who owns a crowing hen  
Should do a jail term, now and then.  
They usually wait till 2  
To start their cock-a-doodle-do.  
Last night I went to bed at 4  
When just outside my tepee door,  
A crowing hen took up her stand  
And strutted 'round upon the sand,  
And sang and crew with raucous voice,  
As if to make her soul rejoice.  
No man should stand for such a pest,  
So I got up and fully dressed  
And seizing my large tomahawk  
Towards that bird commenced to walk.  
The brutal beast kept up its yelling  
Until my ear drums started swelling.  
I waltzed around and smote her smeller  
And chased her down into the cellar,  
I cracked her several on the rib  
As she jumped over baby's crib—  
I swat her with an uppercut  
And called her dirty names like "mutt"—  
I threw a brick between her eyes—  
That bird's a type that I despise.  
I pulled a feather from her tail  
And spiked her with a rusty nail,  
I knocked the corns all off her legs  
And threw at her some ancient eggs.  
I turned around and grabbed the hose  
And squirted her from head to toes,  
And broke her back and cracked her pate  
And said "Old girl, that's just the fate  
That you deserve. In future keep  
Your bellows still, and let me sleep  
Hereafter, or I'll hurt you sore  
If you come back here any more.  
Go home, nude brute, and tell your boss  
That I am mad and sore and cross,  
And warn him now to shut his pen  
And keep you in at night, old hen."  
She waddled off, her head hung low,  
Said I, "Before I let you go  
Take this for luck," and with the ax  
I smote her one or two more whacks.  
I always have—since I was ten—  
Despised that brute—a crowing hen.

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## SIR ROBERT BORDEN IN HALIFAX PLATFORM.

*A thorough and complete re-  
formation of the laws relating  
to the Civil Service should be  
put into effect, so that future  
appointments shall be made by  
an independent commission act-  
ing upon the report of examiners  
after competitive examina-  
tion. I am convinced that we  
shall perform a great public  
duty by establishing in this  
country that system which pre-  
vails in Great Britain, under  
which a member of Parliament  
has practically no voice in or  
control over any appointment to  
the Civil Service.*

*To use the power of filling  
positions in the public service as  
a reward for party service and  
without regard to the character  
and capacity of the individual  
selected is a gross breach of a  
solemn public trust. A private  
trustee so dishonouring his of-  
fice would be subject to punish-  
ment by the criminal law.*

## OUR BOYS

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DEAD

**LOUIS DE NOAILLES,**

Killed at the Yser,  
November, 1914.

**PAUL HUMBERT,**

Killed at Perthes-les-Hurlus,  
Jan. 8, 1915.

**A. NICHOLSON,**

Killed Jan. 26, 1915.

**CHESTER S. FRASER,**

Died Feb. 5, 1915.

**LIEUT.-COL. F. FARQUHAR**

Killed Mch. 21.

WOUNDED

**M. DORGAS,**

At St. Feri, Sept. 18, 1914.

**GEORGES P. HUGUET,**

At Ville-sur-Turbe,  
Sept. 25, 1914.

**WILLIAM BARGE.**

Lieut. A. G. McLENNAN,  
At Ypres, April 23, 1915.

PRISONER

**YVES RIOUX.**

## ONTARIO'S INCOME TAX.

A very large number of civil ser-  
vants will be affected by the new  
special tax levied by the Province of  
Ontario. It is a flat impost of one  
mill on the dollar and covers prac-  
tically all assessable values in the  
province, including some that now  
are free from taxation. Among these  
latter are the incomes of Dominion  
civil servants. This new impost is  
called a "war tax," and the name  
seems to carry great weight with the  
public. Everybody is contributing  
as much as he can afford toward the  
expenses of the war, and there is no  
reason why a levy that is made in  
good faith to meet war expenses  
should not be paid by civil servants  
and everybody else.



But it is in times such as these, and by means such as this new tax that precedents are apt to be made which turn out awkwardly later on. The "benevolences" of a loyal and generous people have more than once been made the example and precedent for cruel and tyrannous exactions intended to pay for extravagances which the people would never have sanctioned.

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Nothing can be clearer in law, practice and precedent than that the salaries of the employees of the Dominion of Canada are not subject to taxation by authority of any province in Canada. It is true, some civil servants do pay such taxes. But so did many an inland dweller in England pay the infamous "ship money," which was decided to be illegal though it took a revolution and very notable beheading to establish the point. As the matter stands to-day the taxation of civil servants' incomes by any province is illegal in the highest sense—it is unconstitutional.

And it is unreasonable also. The salary scale of civil servants is what it is partly by reason of the fact that those salaries are free from local taxation. To say that the imposition of such a tax would not affect the Dominion service is to say that the price of wheat does not affect consumption or that the rate of interest on a gold bond does not affect

the price. So long as the element of competition remains, the exemption of civil servants' incomes from taxation means that a better class of employees can be had for the Dominion service than could be had for the same salary scaled down by the amount of a tax.

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If this new so-called "war tax" of the Ontario legislature is to be drawn into a precedent, then, in the opinion of *The Civilian* it should be fought now, and fought hard. The Civil Service of Canada has shown itself willing to make every kind of sacrifice to enable the powers that be to meet the expenses of the present war. We pay our share of the increased duties, and do it gladly. We have contributed as a body to the several funds collected for the help of our soldiers. More than the average of our numbers have joined the colors for service in the field. Those of us who have been called upon to labour for long hours, as many of our number have been, render that service as cheerfully as do the soldiers in the trenches. And when it is intimated that the righting of injustices that have rankled long and festeringly must be again postponed because the attention of our master the Government must be given wholly to the present crisis, we accept the situation without a murmur.

All this we say, not as proving that we are better than other people, for

## News Wanted.

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"The Civilian" wants news of civil servants who may suffer death or wounds or be taken prisoner while on active military service. Readers will please send reports of any such occurrences, or clippings from local newspapers, giving details, as soon as information is available.



we know very well that many other Canadians are making even greater sacrifices for the Good Cause. But we say it as showing that we act in good faith and with a loyal regard for the general good. That being true, we are entitled to be treated fairly.

So we come back to what has already been said,—that this Ontario tax ought to be paid if it is to end with the war and is not to be repeated on any other occasion or for any other purpose. But we ought to have whatever assurance can be given that that is the position.

It will not do for those now in power in Ontario to say that they have given their word that this is a special and not-to-be-repeated tax. The Civil Service existed before most of these gentlemen were born, and it will continue to exist long after they are dead and forgotten. It is probable that they cannot in any way bind their successors. But there ought to be some way by which we who pay this tax should not thereby commit those in other provinces and those who come after us in Ontario to the payment of similar imposts, whether labelled "war tax" or anything else.

This is a matter that ought to be taken up by the Civil Service Association of Ottawa in co-operation with all other organizations of civil servants in the Province of Ontario. What steps should be taken will be suggested in the course of consultation. But we venture to think that some of our own members in the Department of Justice could suggest a way by which this tax could be made unique and forever removed from the danger of being drawn into a precedent. We venture to say also, on behalf of any who may agree with us, that anything that may be necessary, in the way of enlisting the aid of eminent counsel, entering a

friendly case in court, or otherwise, ought to be done. Any expense would be in the nature of a premium of insurance, and all concerned should be willing to pay a small sum now to have future security against repeated exactions.

### A SAMPLE BRICK.

Hon. Martin Burrell, Minister of Agriculture, went to San Francisco recently to give the authority of his official position to the formal opening of the Canadian Building at the great Panama-Pacific Exposition. When the supply for his department was under discussion in the House of Commons he was invited by Hon. George P. Graham, then leading the Opposition, to give the House and country some account of what Canada was doing at the Big Show. With most commendable reserve, Mr. Burrell spoke briefly and confined himself almost wholly to facts. But he read the editorial and other utterances of California newspapers to the effect that Canada's building and display are the greatest feature of the Exposition. He did not fail to give credit for this excellent work to Colonel William Hutchison, the head of the Exhibitions Branch of his own department and the earnest workers of his staff.

Here is a service which is notable and spectacular. It is the work of civil servants and of nobody else. Mr. Burrell, like the sound administrator he is, decided that if Canada was to show at San Francisco she must show in a style to attract favourable attention. Therefore he placed at command of Colonel Hutchison the money necessary to do the work properly. The rest is all civil service—ideas, plans, organization, system, work—everything. Without taking from Colonel Hutchison and his people one iota of the praise due to them, surely we have the right



to claim credit for the Civil Service as a whole for the excellent work that is being done at San Francisco.

Because, mind you, what Colonel Hutchison is doing many other members of the Civil Service are doing also. They are not the centre of a World's Exposition; on the contrary they may be working in some dingy office, carrying on some service that nobody ever hears about. But Canada's work in that office and in that service is done as Canada's work has been done at San Francisco—loyally, perseveringly, efficiently. Let those who praise the workers who have the centre of the stage and who perform in the full glare of the spotlight, take those workers, not as different from other civil servants but as examples of the spirit by which the Civil Service as a whole is animated.

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### OTTAWA POST OFFICE CLERKS ENTERTAIN.

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What was perhaps the most successful event in the history of the Ottawa Postal Clerks' Association took place in the Marpaul Academy on the evening of April 23rd, when the members of this association were "at home" to their friends. It was a gala night for those who were fortunate enough to be present, as the clerks of the local Post Office proved to be admirable hosts who had learned the art of dispensing hospitality in a way that kept everyone in the best of good spirits. The evening's entertainment consisted principally of dancing, but tables were supplied in one of the ante-rooms for those who preferred the quieter amusement of cards. Several excellent songs and recitations were rendered between the dances. Little Miss Eileen Baker contributed two songs in which she sang beautifully, winning the hearts of all present. The versatile entertainer, Mr. Gordon Rogers, rendered two vocal selections in his usual excellent style

which were heartily applauded. Mr. Thomas Butler sang twice in a most acceptable manner, and Mr. F. W. Neale of the 38th Battalion completed the vocal programme with two very amusing recitations.

The Hon. T. Chase Casgrain, Postmaster-General, wrote the committee expressing regret at being unable to attend because of his absence from the city. A letter of regret was also received from Mr. A. E. Fripp, M.P., who because of illness in his family was also obliged to be out of the city. The illness of Dr. Chabot prevented his attendance. The arrangements were in the hands of the following named gentlemen who deserve great credit for the general excellence of the programme provided for the entertainment of their guests: Wm. Cottrell, A. Dauray, J. S. Pelletier, L. Corbeil, W. E. B. Mann, J. O. Boily, J. J. Fair, and the President of the Association, Mr. Wm. J. Cantwell.

This Association has done excellent work during the past year, having enrolled in its membership over two-thirds of the clerks employed in the City Post Office, and expect during the coming year to bring into the fold the remaining one-third.

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### TORONTO CUSTOMS NOTES.

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Lady Davidson, wife of Sir Charles Davidson, formerly Chief Justice of Quebec, died on Friday morning, at her residence in the Linton Apartments, Montreal, after a long illness. Deceased was a sister-in-law of Mr. J. J. Davidson, Dry Goods Appraiser, Toronto Customs.

Mr. G. P. Huty, of the Record room, mourns the death of his mother which occurred a few days since.

Mr. James B. Brooks, a former member of the staff, died on Sunday, in his 75th year.



Mr. John McKay, who had the misfortune recently to slip and break his ankle, is now able to be around, though he requires the use of a cane.

Robert Cowan, a resident of Toronto for over 60 years, died on Monday in his 90th year. The deceased was a veteran of '66, taking part in the Fenian Raid with the 10th Royal Grenadiers. He was, in his younger days, a prominent Orangeman, and a member of St. George's Anglican church. He leaves four sons and a daughter. One of the sons, Alderman John A. Cowan, was for over 40 years connected with the Customs staff, and is well known from his prominence in Masonic circles.

#### **MANITOBA RAILWAY MAIL CLERKS' ASSN.**

The regular meeting of the Association was held on April 3rd, Mr. Cyr in the chair. The Secretary read a letter from Mr. Kavanagh regarding main line mail cars on the C. P. R., instructions having been given to always run the storage end next to the engine. The Secretary read the resignation of Mr. Kneebone, who has been called to join the Canadian Army Postal Corps. The Secretary read a letter from Mr. Grierson, Ottawa, regarding Bill No. 47, and other subjects he had been asked for information about. Considerable discussion took place re united social and dance. Opinion seemed to be that more effort should be made to ensure success of same and that the house committee should take the matter in hand. Moved by Mr. Macdonald, and seconded by Mr. W. McPherson, That Messrs. Grant, Armstrong and A. H. Hammill be added to the house committee.—Carried. Moved by Mr. Macdonald, and seconded by Mr. McNabb, That Mr. Kneebone's resignation be accepted and that the Secretary be asked to send him a vote of thanks for work

rendered, with best wishes for good health and success in his new field of work and a speedy return.—Carried. Moved by Mr. Chislett and seconded by Mr. Gardiner, That at the next meeting we shall proceed to elect a member for the vacancy that has occurred on the Executive.—Carried. The meeting then adjourned to May 1st.

At a special meeting held April 10th, the following officers were elected for the R. M. S. Football Club: Mr. Kavanagh, Hon. President; Mr. Lough, Hon. Vice-President; Mr. D. Agnew, Captain; Mr. J. McPherson, Vice-Captain; Mr. Theobald, Sec.-Treas.

#### **TORONTO POSTAL CLERKS' ASSOCIATION.**

At the recent annual general meeting of Toronto Postal Benefit Association, the officers for 1915 were elected as follows:

Wm. Christy, President; J. J. Hayes, Vice-President; G. M. Hartwell, Secretary; A. T. Middleton, Treasurer; W. L. Allwell and C. Wilmot, Auditors; F. W. Davies, D. McGlade, S. J. Cuttel and Thos. Carson, Executive Committee.

#### **A. G. McLENNAN WOUNDED.**

Andrew Gordon McLennan, of the Topographical Surveys Branch, Department of the Interior, serving with the Canadian Expeditionary Force as a lieutenant in the Second Battalion, was wounded in action at Ypres on April 23rd. At the time of writing no further details have been received. Lieutenant McLennan is a native of Ottawa and has been an officer of the 43rd Regiment for about five years.

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## The Roll of Honour.

While *The Civilian's* "Roll of Honour" has been very favourably commented upon, both within and outside of the Civil Service, and the editors have received many compliments on having established it, there is yet evidence of a most disappointing lack of appreciation in some quarters where a more cordial feeling was expected. Some large branches of the Outside Service, notably two city post offices, sent large proportions of their men to the front with the First Contingent, yet the men who stayed at home did not take the trouble to send in the names of their soldier colleagues for insertion in the Roll. The lists have now been secured from another source.

The editors hope that, should any man of these branches of the service suffer wounds or death, their friends will be thoughtful enough to send in the names for publication.

### NINETEENTH LIST.

#### First Contingent.

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 W. W. Bell, Letter Carrier, Brantford.  
 P. R. Gillingwater, Post Office, Brantford.  
 A. Wooding, Post Office, Brockville.  
 H. A. Barnett, Post Office, Edmonton.  
 L. A. Exham, Post Office, Edmonton.  
 W. Adamson, Post Office, Edmonton.  
 M. Baker, Letter Carrier, Edmonton.  
 D. Collister, Letter Carrier, Edmonton.  
 Cyril Davenport, Letter Carrier, Edmonton.  
 A. E. Martin, Letter Carrier, Edmonton.  
 W. E. Barry, Letter Carrier, Edmonton.  
 Jos. Cairns, Post Office, Edmonton.  
 G. M. Beaton, Post Office, Edmonton.  
 A. Grieve, Post Office, Edmonton.  
 W. F. Campbell, Letter Carrier, Edmonton.  
 R. G. Mosher, Letter Carrier, Edmonton.  
 H. A. Hurst, Letter Carrier, Edmonton.  
 G. M. Beatty, Letter Carrier, Fredericton.  
 F. S. Fultz, Post Office, Halifax.  
 W. J. A. Stewart, Post Office, Halifax.  
 R. H. Moore, Letter Carrier, Halifax.  
 W. H. Devall, Letter Carrier, Hamilton.  
 J. M. Hendrie, Letter Carrier, Lethbridge.  
 R. S. Simmons, Letter Carrier, London.  
 W. T. Lemmon, Post Office, Medicine Hat.  
 W. Wade, Letter Carrier, Medicine Hat.  
 A. Davidson, Post Office, Nanaimo.  
 R. P. Day, Letter Carrier, New Westminster.  
 J. W. C. Lord, Assistant Postmaster, New Westminster.  
 T. F. Pickering, Post Office, Prince Albert.  
 S. M. King, Post Office, Saskatoon.  
 H. Good, Post Office, Saskatoon.  
 V. Adams, Letter Carrier, Sherbrooke.  
 A. Gould, Letter Carrier, Strathcona.  
 E. Pedley, Letter Carrier, Windsor.  
 J. A. Ringer, Forestry Branch, Revelstoke.  
 W. Brennan, Letter Carrier, Lethbridge, British Reservist.  
 H. Luker, Letter Carrier, Saskatoon, British Reservist.  
 Jas. Copeland, Post Office, Toronto, British Reservist.  
 J. A. Corbally, Letter Carrier, Toronto, British Reservist.  
 N. R. Millar, Railway Mail Clerk, Vancouver, British Reservist.  
 Hyp. Dartois, Letter Carrier, Montreal, French Reservist.  
 P. Quinson, Post Office, Montreal, French Reservist.  
 Jos. Arantzabe, Post Office, Montreal, French Reservist.  
 G. L. Bunelle, Post Office Department, French Reservist.  
 Louis de Magnes, Letter Carrier, Montreal, Belgian Reservist.



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**CO-OPERATIVE NOTES.**

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The annual meeting of the Ottawa Civil Service Co-operative Supply Association will be held in the Carnegie Library on Friday evening, May 7th.

The Association has done a splendid business this past year, its sales being about \$70,000, and the auditor's statement shows a very fair net profit.

The Board of Directors has appointed Mr. Ernest R. Thurlow general manager of the Association, and he will take over his new duties on May 1st. Mr. Thurlow has been educational secretary of the Ottawa Y. M. C. A. for several years. Previous to taking an Arts course in Queen's University, he had been engaged in the grocery business, and is thoroughly posted on the wholesale as well as the retail departments.

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**INCOME TAX IN TORONTO.**

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On Tuesday, 13th inst., a delegation composed of representatives of Federal civil servants resident in Toronto waited upon the mayor and controllers in reference to income tax assessment. The deputation comprised A. Coulter and J. W. Boomer, Inland Revenue; F. F. Payne, Meteorological Bureau; Robt. Holmes, Customs; T. G. Mathison, Public Works; B. B. Hughes, Railway Mail Service; G. M. O'Donohue, P. O. Inspector; Ed. Davis, A. E. Crate, and Wm. Christy, Postal Clerks. Mr. Christy addressed the board briefly pointing out that this tax was collected in only a few cities, Toronto having for several years made efforts by threats and inconvenience to gather same despite the fact that this question has received considerable attention from the courts. He thought it only fair that pending the decision of Judge Morson's case, which is expected within a month,

the city treasurer could be instructed to desist.

The opinion is that when a definite decision is received the civil servants will be as willing as any other class of employees to pay their taxes.

Delegates and Board of Control aided by City Solicitor Johnston engaged in a general discussion and it was decided by the Board to withhold further action pending outcome of the case against Judge Morson.

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**THE DEVOTION OF THE CIVIL SERVICE.**

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Mr. Lloyd George pays a high tribute to the devotion and efficiency of the Civil Service during the war. In the course of a letter to a daily contemporary, the Chancellor says: "Both by the volume and the importance of the work which has been cast upon it, and by the demands which have been made upon the time and health of all officials, whatever their rank, the Civil Service has passed through a test of unprecedented severity. Results, however, have proved that its quality is even higher than those who, from being in daily contact with its work, had formed a high estimate of its efficiency, had ventured to hope. Its adaptability to new conditions and its readiness to sacrifice all personal considerations, even health itself, in the interests of the State, show that its members are not unworthy to rank with those whose efforts are now earning the gratitude of the nation in the naval and military services of the Crown. I sincerely hope the public will recognize the loyal and unstinted service which Civil Servants are now rendering to the country."

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## LADY CIVIL SERVANT GOING TO THE FRONT.

That the patriotic spirit which has inspired hundreds of men in the Civil Service to enlist for the war burns as well in the hearts of the women of the Service has been demonstrated by the activities of the latter in doing good work for the various patriotic funds. Now one of the women of the Service is going to the front.

Miss A. H. McNichol, of the Money Order Exchange Branch, Ottawa, has obtained leave from the Post Office Department to enlist as a nurse for service with the Canadian Expeditionary Force. Miss McNichol's name will occupy a unique place in the Civil Service Roll of Honour.

## NEWS FROM THE FRONT.

The following letter from a member of the Post Office staff, Toronto, to a friend in that office presents a view of some episodes in the lives of our brave lads who have gone forward to the line of battle:

Canadian Overseas Expeditionary  
Force, Toronto Contingent,  
France, March 1st, 1915.

Dear J.:—

Am now writing the promised letter to let you know how things are going with us. We left England accompanied by two torpedo boat destroyers and beautiful weather, which, however, turned to the worst storm I have ever seen when we were about half way on our journey. We had two lifeboats washed overboard, one horse killed, several men sustained severe bruises by being thrown about the boat and Sergt. McMasters had his arm broken by being blown down on deck. When—we landed, the officials were quite surprised, as, one of our lifeboats having been washed ashore the impression made was that we had all been lost. After landing we entrained for a point unknown to us.

The trains here are in a class by themselves. The men were in box cars, plentifully supplied with straw, and the officers were in first class compartments, which were not, as a matter of fact, as comfortable as the quarters of the men.

This country has been aptly named "Sunny France." It is beautiful, not an inch of waste ground uncultivated and the southern part glorious in its vineyards.

After 48 hours travelling, we disembarked to the music of big guns booming, a weird sound. After a mile or so of march we were put in an unfinished building for the night. The following morning we started on a five hour trek which brought us to a small French village, where the Germans were putting up an awful fight. Fred. McDonald and I were billeted with a baker and his wife—most hospitable souls.

After four days here we stole away to the next village where we were billeted in an old theatre, at least most of us. We personally were again billeted with a French couple, evidently exponents of the race suicide theory, as their progeny amounted to only 18. Talk of patriotism! Seven of these boys were in the firing line and two in the hospital. One has bagged 18 Germans and was eventually shot through the knee. He is now recovering in the hospital. We were then attached to the Queen's Westminsters of London for the purpose of instruction. These are the chaps who were talking with the Germans in their trenches on Christmas day.

The moon being clouded this night, we were ordered to the trenches to relieve a half company. The night was very black and all one could hear was the hum of the bullets as they sped by in all directions.

When we approached a white house which stood by the way we were broken up into single file as it was known the Germans were cover-



ing this spot with a machine gun. We had barely reached the trenches when the enemy sent up their illuminating shells lighting the place up almost with the light of day. There stood the white house we had just passed, as conspicuous as a yacht on a lake. God knows what would have happened had they sent up their shells ten minutes sooner. Their snipers immediately got busy, and I give you my word they can shoot. Our trenches were removed about 40 yards. I was looking through a periscope when I saw a flash, and before I could duck the mud just above my head was scattered like chaff. One other fellow looking through his had it hit just about three inches above his head. Luckily he was stooping or they would have had him—they are deadly shots. Then our artillery started in to shell their posts, and the din was frightful.

Mortar and bricks flying in all directions was all one could see as a result of this. Their snipers have our loop holes all picked out. We could see them throwing up their embankments of sand bags, but could not see a man at all.

I had taken out my glasses and was peeking from behind a bullet plate, when the sentry said to me: "That plate has already been hit five times, sir." The words had hardly left his lips when the plate was hit and my face covered with mud. Needless to say, though not a coward, I decided discretion was the better part of valor and discarded the role of Tom of Coventry.

The trenches are much better than I thought and the meals above all criticism. My first menu consisted of the following ingredients:

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- Cheese.
- Bread and butter and



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We are anxious to get back though. Both Jack Giwan and Geoff Taylor are looking and feeling in tip-top shape, and are running all kinds of chances whilst repairing the barb wired fences, etc. So far we have been very fortunate, losing only one man—shot through the head, and one wounded—shot through the leg.

I shall have to ask you now to collect all the boys and devote a half hour to reading this letter to them, as I cannot possibly write to them all. I think of you all from time to time and shall be glad to hear from any or all of you when you can spare the time to write.

With best wishes and kindest regards, old boy, to you all,

I am, yours ever,

A. S.

### HENRY CARROLL RETIRES.

The staff of the Ottawa Post Office Inspector's Office have again to deplore the loss of another of their oldest and most esteemed members in the person of Mr. H. Carroll, who has retired from service, after having served 38 years in the Post Office Department.

By the departure of Mr. Carroll, there is nothing but a memory left of the old staff of the P. O. Inspector's Office, as he is the last and oldest member.

During his term, Mr. Carroll always won the esteem of his fellow-workers by his joviality, which he

maintained at all times, and his departure is heartfelt. However, notwithstanding this feeling of regret, it is felt that he well deserves the rest which is given him, and considering the state of his health, he will be able to well enjoy it.

In remembrance of the friendship which he enjoyed, and in appreciation of his long years of service, Mr. Carroll was presented with a den rocker and an address, to which he replied in eloquent terms.

### MR. C. P. LESUEUR RETIRES.

An interesting presentation took place last week at Ottawa, at the residence of Mr. C. P. LeSueur. The occasion was the retirement of Mr. LeSueur, as Assistant Post Office Inspector of the Ottawa Division, and the severing of his connection with the Post Office Department, after a continuous service of forty-three years. In addition to the Inspector and staff, the gathering was graced by the presence of Dr. W. D. LeSueur and A. Bolduc, former Inspector, now Superintendent of Rural Mail for the Dominion.

Inspector Coolican, in formally presenting Mr. LeSueur with an illuminated address and a complete set of dining room furniture, spoke of the energy and ability brought to bear on Mr. LeSueur's work, whether in the office, or in the division, and emphasized the human kindness which made for him, everywhere, innumerable friends. On behalf of the staff, regret was expressed at his retirement, and the hope that years of leisure would compensate, in part, for a generation and a half of devotion to duty.

Mr. LeSueur in reply was much affected by the generous spirit which had been shown toward him by his former co-workers. He appreciated receiving what he had always striven to obtain, their affection and esteem. He could not say he was sorry to



leave the service; in fact, he was glad to go, as he felt after forty-three years he should make way for younger men. He recalled incidents and anecdotes of postmasters in the division, many of whom he did not expect to see again. He had nothing to complain of. He had been treated well both by the Department and his fellow-workers. He had seen things grow in the Inspector's office, from a staff of three, in 1872, to a working strength of twenty, in 1914. He had done his duty as he saw it, and exhorted his hearers to do their work with an eye single to the welfare of the Department and the Government.

### First Money Orders.

Dr. W. D. LeSueur gave an interesting bird's eye view of the growth of the Post Office Department from a numerical strength, all told, of 23, to its present huge proportions. He recalled that his father, Peter LeSueur, an accountant, had inaugurated the first money order system in Canada, before ever the United States had taken that step. When he (Dr. LeSueur) became connected with the department there was no Ottawa division. An inspector at Montreal controlled the whole of Lower Canada; there was no direct railway connection between Montreal and Toronto, and to make an all rail journey he had to travel in the United States via Albany, or by the incomplete Grand Trunk, and finish his journey by driving seventy miles with horses.

Mrs. LeSueur, who had been presented with a large bouquet of roses and carnations, thanked the company for the many kind references to herself.

After an enjoyable programme of music, the evening concluded with "He's a Jolly Good Fellow."

Mr. LeSueur is succeeded as Assistant Post Office Inspector by Wm. Annable, formerly of the office of the

Controller of Railway Mail Service, Ottawa.

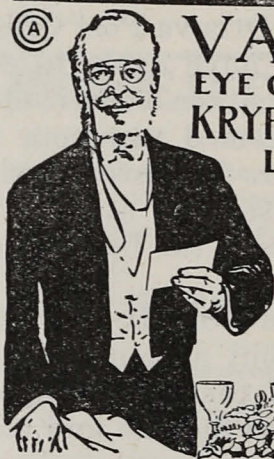
### "AB." HENEY DEAD.

Albert E. Heney, of the Department of the Interior, one of the best-known men in Ottawa, died on April 20th, aged fifty-three years.

Deceased was born in Ottawa and lived here most of his life. For 25 years he was an accountant at the City Hall, but in 1912 he entered the Civil Service.

Gifted as an artist, he produced many creditable drawings and paintings and was long connected with the Ottawa Art Club. It was, however, another and peculiar gift that gave Mr. Heney his wide acquaintance and popularity. An intimate friend of the late Dr. Drummond, he understood most fully and was able to reproduce with more success and fidelity than any other man the well-known habitant types which Dr. Drummond immortalized. Thousands who loved Drummond's works gained a new understanding and appreciation of them from seeing and hearing Mr. Heney and to those who had not known them before his portrayal of their characters opened a new literary delight.

"Ab." Heney filled a place peculiarly his own and one that may never be filled again.



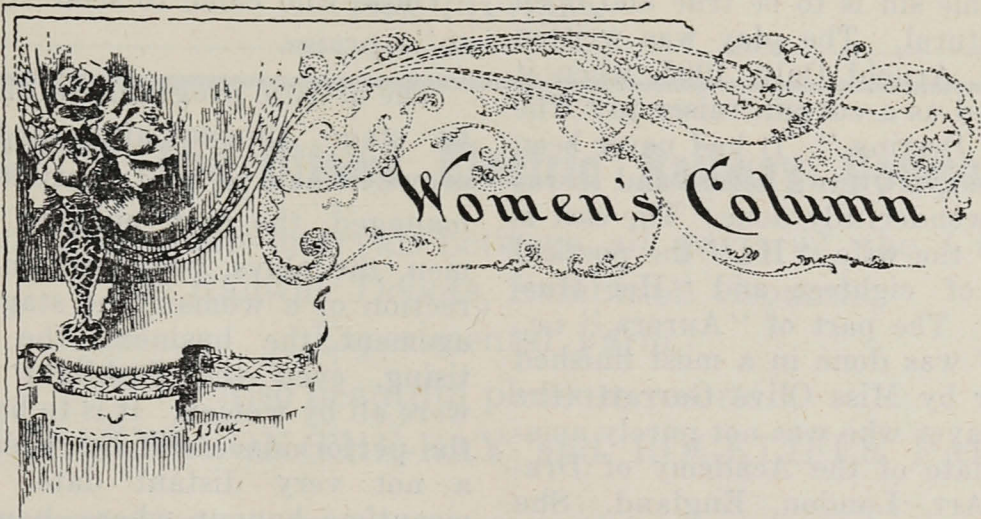
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Instead of wasting time in talking about the possibility of forming a dramatic club within the Service, Miss Milly La Fleur, the energetic convener of the Social Committee, set the ball rolling and kept on pushing it along with so much vim that she interested many others until finally they gave us the delightful entertainment of the 17th instant, when two "playlets" were most successfully produced, "Mere Man" and Bernard Shaw's "How he lied to her husband."

"Mere Man" is a farce by H. Swear; scene, the Emancipated Ladies' Club, whose avowed object was to "trample upon" and "crush" the tyrant Man. The time was the annual meeting and after a soul-stirring address upon the "reptile Man" by the President of the "Emancipated Ladies," one by one each of the weak and back-sliding members stood up and announced that she had *backslid* so far as to have become engaged to be married to one of the reptiles against whom she had promised

to wage eternal war, and therefore she begged to tender her resignation. Wild consternation ensued on the part of the spinster President, of uncertain age, who finally demanded a specimen of "the brute" in the way of a photograph to adorn the Club's Chamber of Horrors. One by one each erring member laid upon the table a picture of her Love, only to find that each and every member was engaged to the same man.

A letter arrives to the President from the guilty wretch confessing his trick. He had heard of this club and being a humourist he made up his mind to propose to each member thereof, hardly daring to hope that each and every one would jump at him. Such being the case he wished to make some amend for the trick and was quite willing to marry one. They were to settle it between them. "The Cats of Kilkenny" were never in it with these ladies in the scene which followed, but it was all ended finally by the President Spinster, of very uncertain age, deciding that *She* would marry *Him* herself.

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The second little sketch by Bernard Shaw, like all that comes from the pen of that gifted author, teems with biting sarcasm on the existing conditions of society, where anything may go if only sufficiently covered by deceit and convention, but the one un-



forgivable sin is to be true and open and natural. The play was written for Mr. Arnold Daly, 1905, when it was used as a curtain raiser to "The Man of Destiny." It had never been produced in Ottawa before and it was really wonderfully done. The cast is "She," the wife, "He," the poetical youth of eighteen and "Her Husband." The part of "Aurora," i.e., "She," was done in a most finished manner by Miss Olive Garratt (the only player who was not purely amateur), late of the Academy of Dramatic Art, London, England. She was also the stage director and to her the Women's Branch wish to offer their most sincere thanks for the talent and zeal which made the performance what it was. The part of Henry, the youth of eighteen, was most wonderfully taken by Miss Ina Blackburn, and that of "Her Husband" was well played by Miss Hazel MacKay. Of course ripples of merry laughter greeted their first appearances in the evening dress of the Lord of Creation while nothing but praise for the interpretations of their respective parts was to be heard throughout the hall.

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Space will not permit me to touch on the many deserving points but before closing I must say one word of praise for the wonderful orchestra, which on the whole was the greatest surprise of all. Most finished and artistic was their rendition of Elegiac Melodies from Grieg, Beethoven's Minuette, as well as of the lighter Pot Pourri from the familiar Quaker Girl.

The whole performance was such a surprise that it may truly be said

"Those who came to scoff remained to"—praise.

The artistic programmes, the dainty stage supper afterwards, the crowded hall so well ventilated and managed, the cast, entirely of women, the plays, produced under direction of a woman, the stage management, the business, the advertising, even the flashlight photos were all by women. It is to be hoped the performance will be repeated at a not very distant date. In the meantime honour where honour is due—to the President, Miss Tremblay; to the Convener of the Social Committee, Miss La Fleur; to all the players, and to their Director, Miss Olive Garratt,—who by the way is anxious to see a regular dramatic club for members of the Civil Service formed, where it would not be necessary to have the audience only women, where "the Monster, Man" might be allowed to play his own parts, where we might work together, men and women, each playing the part which nature has allotted. Not by separation in work and play will the sexes attain their best, but by amalgamation.

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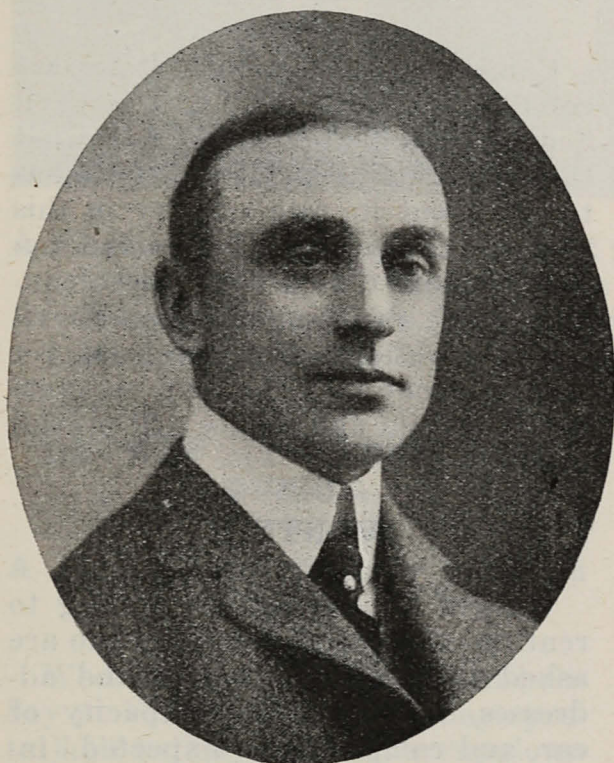
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## A POPULAR OFFICIAL.

*The Civilian* has much pleasure in publishing the accompanying portrait of one of the most popular officials in the service at Ottawa, Mr. William Annable, who has recently been promoted to the position of Assistant Post Office Inspector of the Ottawa district. Congratulations on this merited advancement are in order.

Mr. Annable belongs to a well known Ottawa family and is a native of the Capital, where he has an enormous acquaintance. The late W. D. Annable of the C. P. R. offices in



MR. WM. ANNABLE.

London, Eng., was a brother, and Mr. W. G. Annable, the present General Passenger Agent of the C. P. R. Steamship Lines, Montreal, is also a brother.

"Billy" Annable, as he is familiarly known, has been over 25 years in the Civil Service and has "worked up from the bottom." For many years he was a clerk in the Railway Mail Service which brought him in contact with a large circle in other parts of Ontario. In 1912 he was

transferred to office work in Ottawa and, as has been said, he was recently promoted to the position of Assistant Inspector in succession to Mr. C. P. LeSueur. The principle of "merit" has been followed this time, and is a further subject for congratulation.

## WITH THE SECOND CONTINGENT.

*(By a Civil Servant.)*

Nothing doing yet in the way of a move, although we all thought we were to have gone soon after the Battalion transport left. It is really most disheartening, and also is the worst possible thing that could have happened for the discipline and welfare of the men, who are heartily sick of Kingston, the more so because we seem to be about the only Battalion of the 4th Brigade still in Canada. I understand that men are urgently needed in England to reinforce those on the firing line, but it does not appear that we are needed, and it is the universal opinion that "someone has blundered." We had an inspection by the Minister of Militia on the 22nd inst., but nothing of any importance was said to even the officers; possibly we shall find ourselves in camp, and under canvas for a few months! It is said that at one moment there is a lack of transports, and at another of warships to escort us; this being so, it is indeed strange that other Battalions have made their exit, is it not? I think that I am right in saying that, unless we leave very soon, the harm done to the Battalion will be great; already there has been a clash with civilians, which promised to be serious, and another is to be looked for at any moment. We have about 50 deserters at the present time, and they really cannot be blamed, under the circumstances. We did not give up homes and posi-



tions to hang around Kingston, for the purpose of swelling the pockets of tradesfolk, and if we are wanted by the War Office let us go soon, in Heaven's name; I may not be conversant with the ins and outs of the matter, but I do represent the feelings of the men of the 21st Battalion in all that I have said.

The Battalion marched to Odessa the other day, and a trip to Brockville is contemplated; the Battalion will go there by water, and will march back to Kingston. By this time all the men are as hard as nails, and can march their 20 miles a day without discomfort. It will be a good thing when we get a new issue of serges and trousers; one feels diffident about going into decent society with one's old clothes on, you can imagine!

### THERE AND HERE.

The *Daily Mail*, of London, Eng., says: "A Sunday promenade through the streets of London and of any other great city, reveals that almost one male in four is a young man of military age, but not in khaki." What would the *Mail* say if its observations were taken in any Canadian city on Sunday or any other day of the week?

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**A Flashlight Photograph of the Cast in "Mere Man":—Miss E. H. McCullough, Miss N. F. Frerichs, Miss Lillian Copping, Miss Laetitia Noll, Miss M. Edna Stowe, Miss M. Cameron Doyle, Miss Esther Edmonds, Miss Jessie McJanet.**

### **DE WET AT VREDE POST OFFICE.**

#### **A Civil Service Episode in South Africa.**

Wednesday is the postal half-holiday at Vrede, but in these days postal half-holidays are not scrupulously observed, and on Wednesday, 28th October last, the staff at Vrede were still busily working at 3.45 in the afternoon. At that time Mr. G. R. Evans, the Postmaster, was sending to Johannesburg when he was informed that De Wet's rebel commando was entering the town. One telegram remained on hand. Calling on the assistant, Mr. R. Swan, to send this the Postmaster at once put himself in telephone communication with the district staff officer at Standerton, and, when Johannesburg was clear, instructed Swan to cycle out as far as was necessary and ascertain the approximate strength of the

rebels. He then burned all Government telegrams, with a few selected exceptions, and sat down at the switchboard to await Swan's return. Having a few minutes of spare, he glanced at the latest Johannesburg paper, which had just come in.

Meanwhile Swan had cycled off to meet the rebels, riding up to within 100 yards of the commando. There he met the advance guard, and, doubtless being of opinion that first hand information was better than guessing the strength of a scattered force, he asked point blank how many were coming. But the guard was a taciturn man and not disposed to conversation. To encourage him Swan suggested that there might be 100 of them. "Oh, you can put a few more on to that," said the gentleman, and as the circumstances were not conducive to a protracted interview, Swan asked no further questions, but drew his own conclusions



and started back, the rebels after him.

About 300 yards from the office they called on him to halt or he would be fired upon, but he risked it, and did not dismount until he reached the yard at the back of the P. O. By that time the rebel horsemen were with him, and as he jumped off his machine rifles were pointed at him, and he was warned that if he spoke a word he would be shot. Again he risked it, shouting to the Postmaster. Flinging up the window, the Postmaster saw his assistant being escorted out of the yard by armed men, but not before he had signalled "300" by holding up three fingers. At once the information was passed on to Standerton, after which the Postmaster went to the front of the office (inside) in the hope of gleaning further news. As he reached the front door several men shouted to him to open it, but before he could unlock it the butt of a rifle had smashed in a panel and De Wet entered, with uplifted sjambok, followed by several others.

"Why didn't you open the door?" roared the guerilla chief.

"I didn't know you wanted to come in," said the Postmaster.

"Didn't you hear the people making a noise?"

"Yes."

"Why is the door locked?"

"Because it is Wednesday afternoon, and we are not open to the public."

"Where are your keys?"

"In my pocket."

"Give them to me."

The keys were handed over, though it does not appear that they were used, and it was explained that if everything was in order they would be returned next morning.

The office inspection proceeded as follows: First, De Wet demanded the latest newspapers, English and Dutch. Amongst those handed to him was one containing a cartoon of

himself confronted by a burgher, saying: "General, in the last war you led us to glory; do not now lead us to disgrace." Oost (De Wet's private secretary) then demanded the latest telegrams, which, owing to the Postmaster's foresight, consisted entirely of ordinary paid messages plus a few Government wires relating to the defeat of Beyers and Maritz. Another rebel, Krog, asked where the telegrams were. Evans pointed to the pile on the table.

"I didn't ask where they were, I said: Give them to me," said the rebel truculently.

The Postmaster picked up the telegrams and handed them to Krog.

"There you are," said he.

"The next time I ask you for anything don't say 'there it is,' but give it to me; do you hear?" yelled Krog, seizing Evans roughly and trying to force him on his back. Evans grappled with his assailant, Oost drew a revolver, while another rebel jammed a cartridge in his magazine and presented a rifle over the sorting press. There was no shooting. Krog's own rifle went between Evans's legs and down the Postmaster went, with Krog on top. In an instant the rebel was up and dancing on the ribs of his prostrate foe. That Terpsichorean display being completed, the Postmaster rose and witnessed the smashing of his instruments by the unfailing butt-end. All this time De Wet had been busily engaged in tying up his newspapers with bits of string picked from the office floor.

The party next proceeded to the exchange, when Oost picked up the handset which had been left on the table, so that Standerton might hear what was happening.

"Hullo! hullo! Who's there?" said he, and added, "I am Oost." Seemingly there was no further communication, and Krog showed his disapproval by setting to work again with his rifle butt, and, with the help



of a man from outside, he very soon spoiled the look of things. Oost cut the cables connecting the home field with the multiples, and they all returned to the post office proper, where Evans asked De Wet what he was to do. "You can go home," replied De Wet, "but in half an hour there will be a meeting on the Church Square, and everybody must attend—you, too; then you will hear a big man speak." So Evans went home, but stayed there, being content to witness the meeting from his front door, from which, just prior to De Wet's speech, he saw the resident magistrate, Mr. Colin Fraser, marched across the square under armed escort. While the speech was in progress Swan joined him.

When Swan was removed from the yard he was taken to the front of the office, where he stood in the blazing sun till all the commando came up, quite expecting that when the "house" was full he would be shot "for the encouragement of others." A lady opposite, seeing that Swan had no hat, sent one across by a young man named Langton, but as that young Samaritan neared the waiting victim De Wet himself rode up, swinging his sjambok and shouting for the man on the bike and the Postmaster. Seizing on the unfortunate Langton, he demanded to know where the Postmaster was. Langton did not know, for which lack of information he was sjambokked by De Wet until the rebels themselves intervened, saying there was no time to waste. They were excited about preventing any message being sent off, and, posting patrols on the streets, they burst open the post office door, as already narrated.

A little later Swan was dragged into the office, where he found De Wet searching for newspapers. This appears to have been about the time that Oost and the others were wrecking the Exchange. On asking the rebel leader, Swan was told he might

go, but he must come to the monument in five minutes' time. At this the men were furious, insisting that this was the man who had ridden the bicycle, and that he should be kept prisoner. But on this occasion De Wet had no time to waste, and Swan was allowed to go home. It was shortly after this that he rejoined the Postmaster. Next morning some urgent repairs were executed and business was as usual.

The courageous action of the magistrate in refusing the hand of De Wet's son and in declining to attend the meeting until half-a-dozen armed men went to fetch him compulsorily, and his bold bearing while under the ordeal of the famous oration which put the crown stamp on the Five Bob Rebellion are too well known to be recapitulated here, but to him and to the two P. O. men who stood fast at duty's call, who "did their bit" and took the consequences, the Service takes off its hat. We are proud of them, and congratulate them on the admirable manner in which they have upheld the Service tradition.

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### **Personals.**

The following list includes changes in the personnel of the Service during the month of March, 1915, as far as obtainable. Division (Div.) refers to Inside Service only:

#### **Appointments.**

Agriculture:—Osias Demers, Div. 3B; R. McKibbin, Div. 3B.

Conservation:—Oliver Master, Asst. Secy., Div. 2B.

Customs:—The following prev. officers: F. A. Barr, A. Forsyth, G. J. Huestis, R. E. Jobb, T. L. Lynton, W. B. Smith, W. L. Haines, L. W. Holmes, C. R. Kenney, D. Lynch, R. C. Macdonald, W. C. Wallace, J. A. Blacklock, Jos. Bell, J. S. Craig, J. E. Drummond, C. E. Gundy, W. S. Lesuer, C. S. Olmstead, W. C. Rowe, M. L. Ruttle, Alf. Smith, J. M. Treadwell, L. H. Ward, C. B.



Hill, W. D. Rolston.

Finance:—Miss Cora V. Dudley, Div. 3B.  
Labour:—W. E. Williams, packer.

Inland Revenue:—J. J. Leddy, asst. insp. W. and M., Saskatoon; J. B. Frenette, dep. coll., Quebec; Jos. Hillis, asst. insp., London.

Interior:—G. Mallette, messenger, Inside.

Militia:—T. H. Cuthbert, lower grade.

Public Works:—R. S. Burton, Div. 3B.

Post Office (Inside):—Richard Tobin, sorter.

Post Office (Outside):—M. J. Olshansky, class 3B, Winnipeg; H. A. Sues, class 3B, Toronto; L. E. Rolston, class 3B, St. John; A. A. Lake, Ry. M. Ser., Calgary, (re-called).

#### Promotions.

Customs:—R. W. Stuart, to senior clerk, Vancouver; Hugh Smyth, from prev. off. to Inspection; A. H. Woods, from prev. off. to Inspection.

Interior:—A. J. Fraser, to Div. 1B; Miss E. M. Joliffe, Miss A. Rattey, Miss J. M. Ross, Miss B. F. Patching, Miss Mary McGuire, Miss M. C. McDonald, Miss N. Hamilton, A. E. G. Mann, G. N. Bryan, to Div. 3B.

Inland Revenue:—Abraham Code to inspector for Manitoba; J. K. Barrett, to inspector for the Dominion; T. H. Verner, to dep. coll., Winnipeg.

Justice:—J. D. Clarke, to Div. 1A.

Post Office (Outside):—Murdoch McKinnon, R.M.S., North Bay, to class 1A; H. J. Searle, Edmonton, from grade D to class 3A; Alex. Pringle, Vancouver, to class 1B; D. H. McInnes, Saskatoon, to class 2A; R. H. Long, Moose Jaw, to class 2A. The following to class 3A: C. S. Huff, R. Bedgar, C. J. Littlewood, D. J. Leggatt, New Westminster; R. H. Waddington, H. Mahoney, J. Langlois, A. V. Gignac, Windsor; H. J. Battle, Ottawa; L. Hohenadel, Guelph; Geo. A. Grant, A. F. Quinn, A. Selwood, F. Edge, J. A. Catterall, A. H. Wright, D. McKinnon, W. R. Maley, J. G. McLaren, Geo. E. James, Vancouver; L. L. Creagh, Vancouver, to class 1A. To class 2A: R. W. Hynds, Toronto; C. W. Heisler, Saskatoon; W. M. Maclean, Ottawa. To class 3A: M. R. Robertson, L. G. Crane, T. A. White, F. R. Woodrow, W. D. Weedon, Moose Jaw; Jas. Murray, Winnipeg; T. Flood, Vancouver. To class 2B: C. H. McLeod, Geo. W. Hiseler, F. A. Warner, J. C. Davis, P. J. Meagher, J. H. Sullivan, Halifax.

Post Office (Inside):—M. J. Mahon, W. J. H. Adams, J. C. O'Connor, J. St. Germain, P. Regan, V. Webb, W. H. O'Halloran, to Div. 2A.

Public Works:—J. A. Drouin, John Johnstone, to Div. 2A; Miss F. L. Anderson, Miss J. Dowling, to Div. 3A.

#### Transfers.

O. Chevalier, from Inside to Outside, as superintendent Tobacco Station, Farnham.

F. Lumsden, from Bd. of Customs to prev. off., Edmonton.

W. F. Roberts, from P.O.D., Winnipeg, to Battleford.

F. H. Smith, P.O.D., Inside, to asst. insp., Edmonton.

Chas. Duguid, naval constructor, from Outside to Inside, Marine Dept.

Percy McLean, Ry. M. S., Ottawa, to North Bay.

H. W. Bremner, Ry. M. S., Palmerston, to Brantford.

#### Superannuations.

H. W. Wood, Customs (Inside).

S. W. Spillette, Customs, St. Catharines.

Jas. McElroy, Privy Council.

Wm. Russell, Customs (Inside).

#### Resignations.

Agriculture:—Gordon N. Kennedy, Exp. Farms.

Customs:—J. G. A. Lariviere, Montreal; R. W. Dunlop, St. Catharines; W. N. Carmichael, Naas Hbr.

Inland Revenue:—F. C. Murphy, gas and elec., Hamilton; D. Coughlin, W. and M., London.

Marine:—John Nicholson, Charlottetown.

Mines:—Miss A. Moffatt.

Railways and Canals:—Miss S. W. Lyman, Inside.

#### General.

Alex. W. Cameron, son of the late A. W. Cameron, of the Department of Railways and Canals, was married on April 22nd to Anna, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Carl Overland, of Minneapolis.

Sergt.-Major E. J. McCleery, W.O., of the Army Medical Corps, who has been home in Ottawa recuperating from an illness which he suffered after mobilizing in Montreal, has rejoined his corps.

John Lambert Payne, comptroller of railway statistics, attended the annual convention of the Association of American Railway Accounting Offices at Atlanta, Georgia, this week.

Fred Dane, of the Department of Trade and Commerce, now trade commissioner in Glasgow, Scotland, has been appointed vice-chairman of the new Provincial Board of License Commissioners of Ontario.

Mr. W. J. Johnston, of the Immigration Branch, who has been laid up twice in St. Luke's hospital with typhoid fever and pneumonia, is now convalescing.

#### Obituary.

Mrs. Thomas S. Howe, wife of the clerk of the public accounts committee of the



House of Commons, died on April 13th after a month's illness, aged fifty years. Besides her husband she leaves three daughters and two sons.

On Thursday, April 15, there died in the Water Street hospital, Ottawa, John Curley, aged 60 years. Mr. Curley was for many years an official of the Immigration Branch, Department of Interior. He was a man of quiet, unassuming disposition, and was unobtrusively popular with those with whom he was brought in contact. He was buried on Saturday last in the Roman Catholic cemetery. The staff of the Immigration Branch sent a wreath. Mr. Curley was unmarried.

### ***Athletics.***

A commission of four Ottawa men has recently been appointed to act in conjunction with the Quebec Amateur Athletic Union in an advisory capacity and to deal with all applications which may arise. Of the four gentlemen selected, two—or one-half the number—are members of the Civil Service. They are Messrs. H. Reginald Sims and Gordon Simpson.

Mr. Sims has been a most tireless worker in the way of organization and management ever since he came to Ottawa. He has acted as President of the C. S. Baseball League, President of the C. S. Hockey League and chief organizer of the C. S. field sports. He has also devoted much time to basketball.

Mr. Gordon Simpson is a well known foot runner and football player. He won the championship for the greater number of points in the C. S. sports in Ottawa.

Mr. Sims is one of the staff of the Public Works Department, while Mr. Simpson is in the Mines Department. Both are enthusiastic amateurs, in the strict sense of the term. Clean sport will not suffer in their hands.

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The Ottawa Civil Service Baseball League has organized for the season and will contain seven clubs, as compared with five last year. These will be:

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Customs.  
Labour.

The officers for the season are: President, H. R. Sims (Pub. Works); Vice-President, S. Hibbart (Interior); Secretary, T. V. Doyle (Customs); Treasurer, J. R. O'Malley (Trans. Ry.)

The new teams are Printing Bureau and Labour. These will add to the interest and the attendance. Two years ago the Printing Bureau had a strong team in the League.

Most of the matches will be held at Lansdowne Park, but on dates on which the Ottawa Baseball Club are at home they will take place at Varsity Oval. The schedule will be drawn up shortly.

### **C. S. ASSOCIATION OF OTTAWA.**

The regular meeting of the Executive was held on Tuesday, April 20th, with a fair attendance of members. Mr. Coats' resignation was again before the meeting for discussion but was not accepted, as the Executive wish Mr. Coats to retain the presidency if it is at all possible for him to do so. The principal matter under discussion was the Third Division question, on which some progress was made. No new suggestions have been made in this matter, but the Executive is adhering to the policy of former years, as approved by the Third Division clerks on different occasions. A statement of what has been done in former years is now being prepared and will appear in the next issue of *The Civilian*.

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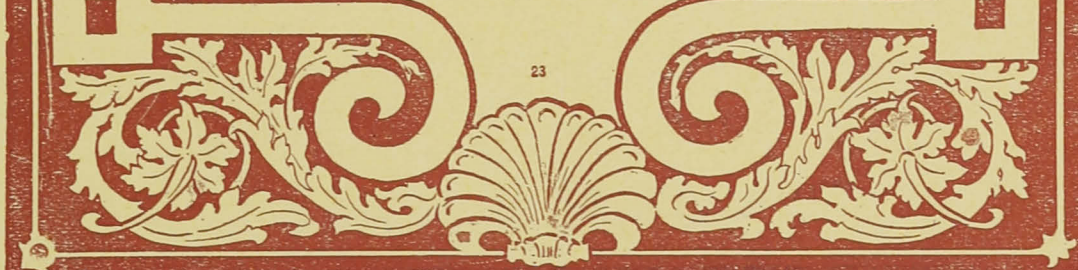
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